

VISUAL COMPARISON OF EMERALD BAY ROUTES

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Proposed improvement of the highway along the west side of Lake Tahoe has resulted in two general proposals for getting by Emerald Bay. The Upper Line plan would widen and add to the existing roadway using tunnels and snowsheds. The Lower Line would run along the shore of the lake bridging Emerald Bay at its mouth.

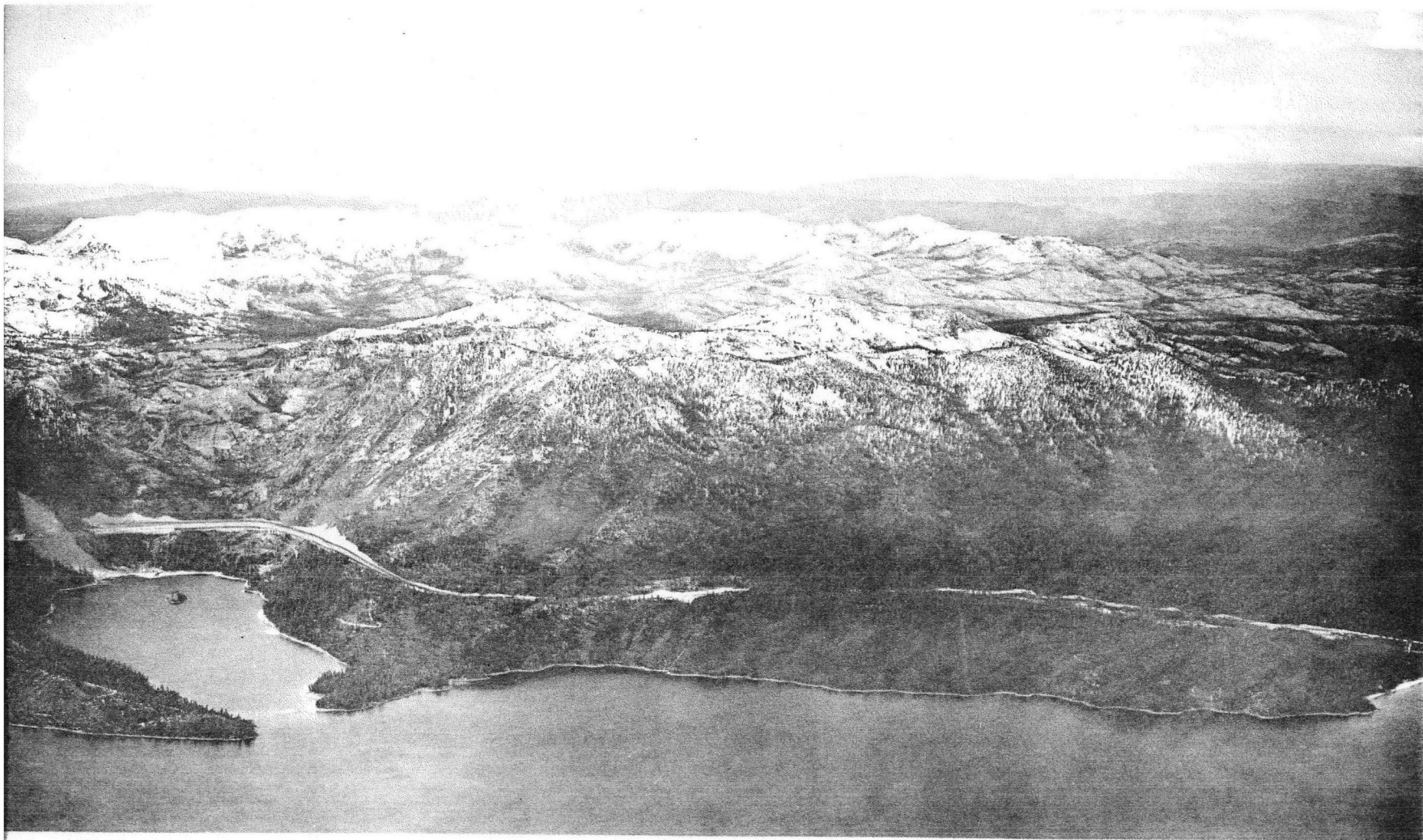
Hearings on the Emerald Bay problem brought out one obvious fact. There was a general misconception of what any of the proposed construction would look like. Oft repeated statements were that "this line would ruin the scenery", or "that line would preserve the scenery", or "this line will spoil Emerald Bay", or "that line will preserve the beauty of Emerald Bay".

These studies, wherein the ultimate construction has been retouched onto actual photographs of the area, were developed from the actual cross-sections which would be used for the highways to show as impartially as possible just how each line would appear if constructed. Every effort has been made to make the photos as realistic as possible, matching sunlight and shadow as it appeared when the photographs were taken.

This brochure presents no facts or arguments for either line other than the photographs themselves. We show you first, how it looks now, second how the Upper Line would look and third how the Lower Line would look. You may draw your own conclusions.

The first set of three photos shows the overall view as seen from out on the lake.







The second set of three shows the routes as they traverse the hogback.







The third set of three photos shows the general view from the south side of Emerald Bay.







The last two photos show the upper line as viewed from the south ridge. This shows the twin tunnels, the snow sheds and the Eagle Falls campground fill.

